



Regional Governance Team Quarterly Activity Report

**King County Office of
Regional Policy and Planning**

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Governance Projects

The Regional Governance Team manages or coordinates County participation in a variety of governance studies, annexation negotiations and financial analyses related to the implementation of the Growth Management Act.

AUBURN'S LEA HILL ANNEXATION AREA STUDY

The City of Auburn is currently working on an annexation feasibility study of the unincorporated Lea Hill area. The Office of Regional Policy and Planning is supporting the study by coordinating the County's response to the City's request for department data and information. The City anticipates that the study will be completed by the end of August 2001.

FEDERAL WAY ANNEXATION STUDY

The City of Federal Way is expected to issue a request for proposals (RFP) in August 2001, to solicit a consultant to help prepare its Potential Annexation Area Study. The study will determine the timing and financial feasibility of annexing the unincorporated corridor that lies east Interstate 5 and the City. The County is contributing staff time plus \$40,000 to the City's \$200,000 multi-year study.

KIRKLAND ANNEXATION FEASIBILITY STUDY UPDATE

Governance Team staff is working with the City of Kirkland on updating some of the fiscal information in the City's 2000 Annexation Feasibility Study. The City is interested in gaining a precise and up-to-date view of current

land use, level of development, and assessed value of the annexation area.

Interlocal Agreements

The Team, in collaboration with affected County Departments, negotiates agreements with Cities for property transfers, contract services, and other issues essential to the smooth transition of governance activities.

ISSAQUAH NORTH SPAR AND SOUTH BY-PASS AGREEMENTS

In 1999, when the City of Issaquah annexed the unincorporated area to the north of the City, it triggered Section 4.3 of the Grand Ridge Master Transportation Financing Agreement (MTFA), which awarded the responsibility for building the North SPAR Road to King County. The section requires a cost sharing agreement for the Road between the City and the County in the case of annexation. In the second quarter, the Issaquah City Council and the King County Council authorized entering into an agreement for the City's payment of \$7 million toward the cost of the Project. The amount is payable over 20 years.

At the same time, both Councils also approved the South Bypass Agreement, also between King County and Issaquah. Although the MTFA gives Issaquah the responsibility for the South Bypass Road, King County will contribute a maximum of \$4 million toward the Project over a period of 5 years.

COVINGTON OPEN SPACE AGREEMENT

On June 22, 2001, the King County Council passed an ordinance authorizing the conveyance of eight parcels of open space to the City of Covington. The eight parcels were open space parcels that were deeded or dedicated to the County as result of its platting requirements. Through interlocal agreement, the County will transfer ownership of the parcels to the City for use as open space or, if appropriate, active or passive recreation. The City which incorporated in 1997, has a limited amount of property that it can use for recreation purposes. As a matter of practice, the County typically offers tax title and open space properties to recently incorporated cities.

ENUMCLAW USE AGREEMENT

King County and the City of Enumclaw recently entered into a new use agreement for the Enumclaw Recreation Center. The agreement sets forth the terms and conditions for joint County/City use of the building and nearby fields. It also establishes a new fee structure until the end of 2002. The City has historically relied on use of the Recreation Center for hosting a majority of its parks and recreation programming.

Annexations

Team staff members review all annexation and incorporation notices filed with the Boundary Review Board for King County, coordinate Department comments, testify at public hearings and work closely with BRB and City staff to resolve issues and problems arising from a transition in governance.

GLACIER RIDGE ANNEXATION

The City of Issaquah recently annexed a 40-acre parcel of land at the south end of the Sammamish Plateau near Interstate 90. The parcel, formerly owned by the State Department of Natural Resources, was redesignated from rural to urban with the adoption of the 2000 King County Comprehensive Plan. The City applied its Urban Village zoning designation to the property, as it will become a part of the larger Issaquah Highlands development. The annexation became effect on May 21, 2001.

KENT DEMARCO ANNEXATION

The City of Kent effectively annexed a 266.6-acre site in the City's northeastern PAA as of July 1st 2001. The area included a population of 770 residents.

RENTON MERLINO ANNEXATION

The BRB has finalized the annexation of the Merlino property located between the Black River Riparian Forest and Martin Luther King Way. A court order on June 29, 2001 dismissed a citizen appeal of the BRB's approval of the annexation. The City of Renton recognized the annexation as effective on February 21, 2001 and began servicing the area in the beginning of March.

REDMOND 4-LOT ANNEXATION

The City of Redmond annexed a 7.2-acre, 4-lot island on April 15, 2001. The annexation area is located in the north central section of the city and includes 3 households.

REDMOND ROSEHILL UPDATE

The City of Redmond is putting on hold the final acceptance of the Rosehill Annexation until it completes a comprehensive neighborhood planning exercise for the area. It is expected that the neighborhood study will take the rest of the year to complete. In another related development, the Gun Club (one of the properties included in the annexation proposal) has decided to drop its appeal of the Boundary Review Board's approval of the annexation.

Team Staffing News

Team member Ruth Harvey, who for the past several years, has been an invaluable part of the Governance Team has accepted a promotional opportunity with King County Roads. Ruth will be developing the new Road Development Plan. Ruth was instrumental in the City of Sammamish incorporation and the Petrovitsky Governance Study. Ruth will be missed by her fellow Regional Governance Team members as well as County staff and the public. We wish her the best of luck in her new position.

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